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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed Japanese reference is also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENT(S):

<u>Publication No.</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>	<u>Country</u>
2001-359073	12/26/2001	Japan

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>	<u>APPLICANT(S)</u>
09/506,939	02/18/2000	2711	Tomoyuki Ono, et al.
10/653,966	09/04/2003	Unassigned	Shigeki Mori, et al.

In accordance with current U.S. Patent and Trademark Office requirements for applications filed after June 30, 2003, no copy of any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

REMARKS

The JP '073 reference is cited at page 4 of the specification, and is believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein. An English translation of the Japanese reference is not readily available to Applicants' attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. An English abstract for the JP '073 reference obtained from a commercial data base also is enclosed as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

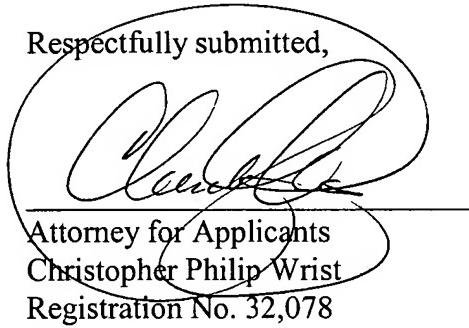
FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the present application or prior to the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits of the application. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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